THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) A survey for conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposi N.G. line to B.G, was conducted in 1979. The project was found to yield only 2.43 per cent return and being unremunerative could not be taken up.

Shifting of the Railway Headquarters

*30. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to shift the Headquarters of the South Eastern Railway from Calcutta to Orissa; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shifting of the Wheat Project Directorate from Delhi

*31. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Wil] the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has taken a decision recently to shift the Wheat Project Directorate from Delhi to Karnal in Haryana; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for taking the decision referred to in part (a) above?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to enable the Project Directorate of Wheat to function effectively, it was decided that it should be kept out of the administrative control of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute. It was also felt that the Directorate should be located in an area where wheat is an important crop. Accordingly it was decided to shift the Directorate to Karnal where ICAR land was readily available.

Conversion of M.G. Raiway lines into BG. in Rajastthan

*32. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be-pleased to state,-

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's cons'deration to convert the metre-gauge railway lines into broad-gauge lines in Rajas-than;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the entire State would be covered by broad-gauge railway lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) and (b) The following gauge conversion projects have been sanctioned in Rajasthan;

(i) Bhilai Samdaj-i 222 Km.
and parallei BG from Samdaii to Jodhpur 81 Km ..... 303 km.

(ii) Phulera- Bikaner (1algerh)
and. Merta Road - Jodhpur ■ . . 430 km.

(iii) Sawai Madhopur- Jaiput 132 Km. and parallel BG from Jaipur- Phulera 55 Km. ... 187 Km

920 km

(a) total of 11 gauge conversion projects covering 2118 kms. are in progress in the country out of which 3 projects covering 920 km, are in Rajasthan.

(c) At present there is no plan to totally convert M.G. railway lines into B.G in Rajasthan.